

"Mary Anning"

'The world has used me ill ... these men of learning have sucked my brains, and made a great deal of publishing works, of which I furnished the contents, while I derived none of the advantages.'

She did not sell sea shells on the sea shore
What she did for us was so much more
For she found fossils of Ichthyosaurs and Plesiosaurs
And her name is Mary Anning

In the Blue Lias cliffs of Lyme Regis town
She found fossils in the rocks that had been washed down
This uneducated, world-leading, working-class woman
And her name is Mary Anning

Not allowed to vote, go to university or own property
She could not even attend the Geological Society
Her work was plagiarised by the wealthy men that bought fossils from her
And her name is Mary Anning

Now, at last, in Lyme Regis a statue
In recognition of remarkable Mary
So give thanks to young Evie and her supporters
Who think that Mary Anning Rocks